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Game Preview

Site: Jack Stephens Center (5,600)

Tipoff: 7:30 p.m. ET

Listen: GS Sports Network (pregame show starts a half hour before tipoff)

Watch: ESPN+

Series: GS leads 19-15, W3

Last meeting: 2/28/19, W 81-66 (Hanner)

Probable Starters:

#2 - Elijah McCadden

#3 - Ike Smith

#13 - Quan Jackson

#24 - David-Lee Jones Jr.

#53 - Isaiah Crawley

- GS caps a stretch of three road Sun Belt games in five days with a 7:30 p.m. ET contest at Little Rock Jan. 6 on ESPN+.
- It's the first time GS has played three conference road games in five days since January of 1993 (Marshall, VMI, Furman).
- The games are part of a four-game road trip that began at Georgia Dec. 23 and is the Eagles' longest of the season.
- It's the third time the Eagles will have played three games in five days this season. GS had three in five before the Christmas break and played three in three days in the Hilton Garden Inn FGCU Classic in November.
- The Eagles are 3-2 in their last five and coming off a 74-72 loss at Appalachian State Saturday afternoon.
- The Eagles rank 29th in the country in steals (9.1/gm), 17th in turnovers forced (18.2/gm) and sixth in turnover margin (+5.9).
- GS ranks second in the Sun Belt in fewest fouls (16.0/gm) and third in fewest turnovers (12.3/gm).
- The Eagles are 4-2 in games decided by five points or less, and all four of their Sun Belt games have been decided by three points or less.
- Senior Ike Smith received a medical hardship waiver to regain a year of eligibility. Smith scored five points against Reinhardt Nov. 8 to pass 1,500 for his career and had four rebounds vs. Radford Nov. 15 to become the fifth Eagle with 1,500 career points and 500 rebounds, joining Jeff Sanders (1,861 pts, 893 reb), Kevin Anderson (1,843 pts, 986 reb), Matt Simpkins (1,684 pts, 642 reb) and Louis Graham (1,581 pts, 908 reb).
- Smith has been named to the Lou Henson Award Preseason Watch List. The award is given annually to the nation's top Division I Mid-Major player.
- Little Rock has won its last five and is coming off a 92-89 home win over UTA Saturday afternoon.
- The Trojans are 6-1 on their home court in 2019-20, their best start through the first seven games since going a perfect 14-0 in 2015-16.
- Little Rock has opened the year 4-0 in Sun Belt Conference play, its best start since winning its first five league games in the 2015-16 season.
- Ruot Monyong leads the Sun Belt Conference with seven double-doubles on the year and leads the league in rebounding at 9.5 a game. Markquis Nowell leads the Sun Belt in scoring with 19.6 points a game.